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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated December 5, 2001,
Paper No. 4, and Examiner's comments with regard thereto, please
enter the following amendments in the above-entitled application,
without prejudice or disclaimer.

A Petition for Extension of Time to respond, with fee
authorization, is submitted concurrently herewith.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend the claims as follows:

21. (AMENDED) A method for sending an IP packet to a
physical end node comprising the steps of:
creating the IP packet comprising:
a virtual internet protocol address corresponding to a
plurality of physical end nodes served by a first access point;
and